

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

20 claims remain in the application. Claims 1-25 have been canceled. New claims 26-45 have been added.

§ 112 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out or distinctly claim the invention. In particular, the Examiner asserts that claim 11 has been given its plain meaning in the art which is the temperature change with respect to time. .

Applicants have canceled claim 11.

§ 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 10-15, 17-18, 20, 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. JP 10-053426 (Maeda) in light of U.S. Patent No. 5,916,656 (Kitayama et al).

The Examiner asserts that Maeda discloses a method of making glass for optical recording mediums. As further taught by Kitayama, glass used for optical recording mediums, as done by Maeda, is preferred to have no thermal distortion, no thermal stress.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-25.

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, Applicants believe the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorize the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

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